



# Press release

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## **Price increases for products based on ethoxylates, naphthalene sulfonates, fat based oils, and quaternary amines**

**Chicago, IL** - Effective February 15, 2012, or as contracts allow, AkzoNobel Surface Chemistry LLC will increase the prices for products that are based on ethoxylates, naphthalene sulfonates, fat based oils, and quaternary amines . These include: Armeen®, Petro®, Ethomeen ®, and Arquad®. The increases, which are approximately 10 cents/pound, are the result of rapidly increasing costs and tightness of supply in the raw material market.

### Note to editors

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